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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether these Government Orders are applicable to the merged State of Sandur? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" This is about Pudukkottai, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The Government Orders placed on the Table refer to Banganapalle also. May I know whether these Government Orders would be applicable to Sandur State also? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I cannot give a definite answer, but I presume what applies to Pudukkottai would also apply to Banganapalle and Sandur."

Women patrollers for the City of Madras.

* 51 Q.—JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI (on behalf of Mrs. M. N. Clubwala) : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether the Government will provide women patrollers in the City of Madras?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" There is one woman patroller in Stri Sadana. There is no proposal to appoint any additional women patrollers at present."

Production, import and distribution of cement in the Province.

* 52 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) what quantity of indigenous cement is produced in the various factories in the Province;

(b) whether the production is commensurate with the consumption and if not, what steps are being taken to increase production;

(c) what quantity of cement was imported into the Province during the past three years to meet the needs of the Province;

(d) whether the prices fixed for the imported cement and the indigenous cement are the same;

(e) what circumstances are taken into account in fixing the prices of cement; and

(f) what method of distribution is followed to ensure equitable distribution and at controlled prices?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The average output of cement per month in the various factories is as follows :—

	TONS.
Madukarai Cement Works, Coimbatore	15,000
Dalmia Cement, Dalmiapuram	6,000
Andhra Cement Company, Vijayavada	2,500
Krishna Cement Factory	7,500
India Cement Company, Thalayathu, Tirunelveli ..	6,000

"(b) The production of cement in this Province is just sufficient to meet the demands within this Province.

"(c) No cement was imported into this Province during January 1946 to November 1948. The total quantity imported from November to June 1949 is as follows :—

	TONS.	CWT.
November 1948	9,921	4
December 1948 to January 1949	Nil.	Nil.
February 1949	150	..
March 1949	249	18
April 1949	50	..
May 1949	124	19
June 1949	Nil.	Nil.

"(d) No.

"(e) The Government of India are fixing the price of cement on an f.o.r. basis. This Government have nothing to do in the matter.

"(f) The distribution of cement is made by the Honorary Cement Controllers at Madras and at Coimbatore, under the directions of the Director of Controlled Commodities. Detailed methods of distribution and the measures to prevent blackmarketing are provided in the Cement Control Order which has been issued by this Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if as stated the production of cement is just sufficient for the consumption of this Province what circumstances prompted this Government to permit the import of cement or whether the import was permitted by the Government of India? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The import of cement was permitted not by this Government but by the Government of India and they permitted because India Cement Company had not come into production and we had not sufficient cement available for this Province."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Now that the India Cement Company has come into production, will this Government, in order to prevent undue competition of cement imported from outside, represent to the Government of India that only on a request from this Government the importation of cement will be permitted? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think the question of import of cement into this Province will arise hereafter; anyhow, we shall make a representation to the Government of India at the proper time."

Sale of imported cement during 1948 *and* 1949.

* 53 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether during 1948 and 1949 large quantities of cement were imported and if so, what the quantities are;